

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S145, SENATE AMENDMENT**

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TO:	The Honorable John E. Courson, Chairperson, Senate Education Committee		
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SUBJECT:	GED		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 145, as amended March 10, 2008, would create a pilot program allowing students ages 16-19, who are one to two years behind in high school graduation requirements, the opportunity to remain in high school while receiving instruction to achieve a General Education Development Diploma (GED). The program shall be implemented in a limited number of schools.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Department of Education estimates the pilot program will have a total cost of \$105,300. For fiscal impact purposes, it is assumed that the pilot program will be located in two schools. This cost consists of two adult education teachers at a cost of \$70,000 (\$35,000 each), including fringe benefits. Costs for computers, printers, and supplies are estimated at \$32,000 (\$16,000 each) for both pilot districts. A WorkKeys test is an online testing and assessment program that enhances a student's job readiness skills. SDE estimates the total cost for the WorkKeys test to be \$1,200. SDE further estimates a \$2,100 cost relating to GED examinations (\$70 for GED Battery X 30 Students).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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